

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 8-9 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

It should be noted that the sintered body for thermistor devices according to the invention contains Mn, Al and oxygen but is free from any transition metal other than Mn and the at least one element selected from the group 3 in the periodic table. This is because the presence of a transition metal (for example, Fe, Co, Ni or Ti) other than Mn and the at least one element selected from the group 3 in the periodic table, if any, would enlarge the constant B. Although it is desirable that the sintered body for thermistor devices is free from any transition metal other than Mn and the at least one element selected from the group 3 in the periodic table as described above, it is sometimes unavoidable that the sintered body for thermistor devices contains such an element a transition metal which is contained as impurities in an extremely small amount in a material employed in the (industrial) production thereof or due to contamination during the production. In the description of the invention, therefore, it is defined that the sintered body for thermistor devices is substantially free from any transition metal other than Mn and the at least one element selected from the group 3 in the periodic table in the case where neither Mn nor the at least one element selected from the group 3 in the periodic table is detected by measuring, for example, under a scanning electron microscope Model JED-2110 (manufactured by JEOL) at an acceleration voltage of 20 kV.